

CLAIMS

1. A connecting system, comprising an elongated
element and a substantially ring-shaped element provided
5 with an opening wherein said elongated element can be
connected, characterized in that the elongated element
comprises a connecting member, and in that the ring-shaped
element comprises an opening configured to allow sliding
passage of the elongated element with the connecting member
10 in a specific angular position.

2. A connecting system according to claim 1,
characterized in that the connecting member comprises two
or more indentations and/or protrusions.

3. A connecting system according to claim 1 or 2,
characterized in that the connecting member comprises a
pair of opposed indentations and/or protrusions.

4. A connecting system according to any one of the
claims 1 - 3, characterized in that the connecting member
comprises two or more pairs of indentations and/or
protrusions formed in spaced-apart relationship on the
elongated element.

5. A connecting system according to any one of the
claims 1 - 4, characterized in that the indentations and/or
protrusions of the respective pairs may be arranged in
staggered relationship round the elongated element.

6. A connecting system according to any one of
the claims 1 - 5, characterized in that said indentations
and/or protrusions are material portions of the elongated
element that have been formed by upsetting or flattening.

7. A connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 6, characterized in that the ring-shaped element comprises means for clamping onto the elongated element.

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8. A connecting system according to claim 7, characterized in that said clamping means are configured to clamp around the connecting member.

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9. A connecting system according to claim 7 or 8, characterized in that said clamping means are suitable for clamping down in said indentations.

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10. A connecting system according to any one of the claims 7 - 9, characterized in that said clamping means comprise springing ears.

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11. A connecting system according to any one of the claims 7 - 10, characterized in that said clamping means comprise notches to be supported on the elongated element.

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12. A connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 11, characterized in that the connecting member is present at a specific location, which may or may not be at the end of the elongated element.

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13. A method for connecting and disconnecting the elements of the connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 12, characterized in that the elongated element and the ring-shaped element are turned over a certain angle relative to each other, and in that the two elements while in a fixed angular position are slidably pushed together or pulled apart respectively.

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14. A method according to claim 13, characterized in

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that the elongated element and the ring-shaped element are repeatedly turned over a certain angle relative to each other, and in that the two elements while in given angular positions are repeatedly pushed together or pulled apart
5 from one another.

15. An earring, characterized in that the earring comprises a connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 12, comprising a shank element and a sliding
10 element, which can be connected, wherein said shank element comprises a connecting member, and the sliding element comprises an opening having a shape such as to allow sliding passage of the shank element with the connecting member in a specific turned position.

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16. Use of the connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 12 by carrying out the method according to claim 13 or 14 in a suspension system for objects, in which the objects are suspended from a ceiling, for
20 example.

17. A ring-shaped element for use in the connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 12, which connecting system comprises: an elongated element and a
25 substantially ring-shaped element provided with an opening, into which said elongated element can be connected, characterized in that the elongated element comprises a connecting member, and in that the ring-shaped element comprises an opening configured to allow sliding passage of
30 the elongated element with the connecting member in a specific angular position.

18. An elongated element for use in the connecting system according to any one of the claims 1 - 12, which
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